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AN ORDINANCE AND DECLARATION

declaring; That if any person so assessed, shall within six or twelve dayes (after notice thereof) pay in the money to the Treasurers in *Guild-hall*, they shall give Acquittances for the same (*as usuall*) to be repayed upon the publique Faith. But if they refuse to pay, the Collectors shall have power to distrein their goods, imprison their persons: and families of such dis-affected persons, shall no longer remain within the Citie of *London*.

Die Martis, 29. Novemb. 1642.

ORdered by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, That these Ordinances shall be forthwith printed and published.

J. Brown Cler. Parliamentorum.

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An Ordinance and Declaration of the Lords and Commons in Parliament.

WHereas the King seduced by wicked Councell hath raised an Army, and levied Warre against the Parliament, and great number of Forces are daily raised under the commands of Papists and other ill affected persons, by Commissions from His Majesty; And whereas divers Delinquents are protected from publike Justice by His Majesties Army, and sundry outrages and rapines are daily committed by the Souldiers of the said Army, who have no respect to the Lawes of God or the Land: but burne and plunder the houses and seize and destroy the persons of divers His Majesties good Subjects; And whereas for the maintenance of the said Army divers Assessments are made upon severall Counties, and His Majesties Subjects are compelled by the Souldiers to pay the same; which said Army if it should continue would soone ruine and waste the whole Kingdome, and overthrow Religion, Law, and Liberty. For suppressing of which said Army and ill-affected persons, there's no probable way, under God, but by the Army raised by authority of the Parliament; which said Army so raised cannot be maintained without great summes of Money, yet for raising such summes by reason of His Majesties withdrawing himselfe from the advice of the Parliament, there can be no act of Parliament passed with His Majesties assent, albeit there is great Justice that the said Moneyes should be raised. The Lords and Commons in Parliament having taken the same into their serious consideration, and knowing that the said Army so raised by them, hath beene hitherto for the most part maintained by the voluntary contributions of divers well affected persons, who have freely contributed according to their abilities.

But

But considering there are divers others within the Cities of *London*, and *Westminster*, and the Suburbs of the same, and also within the Borough of *Southwarke*, that have not contributed at all towards the maintenance of the said Army, or if they have, yet, not answerable to their Estates, who notwithstanding receive benefit and protection by the same Army as well as any others, and therefore 'tis most just, that they should as well as others be charged to contribute to the maintenance thereof.

Be it therefore Ordained by the Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled, and by Authority thereof, That *Isaac Pennington* Lord Major of the Citie of *London*, Sir *John Wollaston* Knight and Alderman, Alderman *Towes*, Alderman *Warner*, Alderman *Andrewes*, Alderman *Chambers*, Alderman *Fowke*, Sir *Thomas Soame* Knight and Alderman, *Samuel Vassell*, *John Venn*, *Morris Thompson*, and *Richard Warring*, Citizens; or any foure of them shall hereby have power and authoritie to nominate, and appoint in every Ward, within the Citie of *London* six such persons as they, or any foure of them, shall thinke fit, which said six so nominated, or any foure of them, shall hereby have power to enquire of any that shall remaine, or be within the said severall Wards that have not contributed upon the Propositions of both Houses of Parliament, concerning the raising of Money, Plate, Horse, Horsemen, and Armes, for defence of the King and both Houses of Parliament, and also of such as are able men, that have contributed, yet not according to their Estates and Abilities. And the said six persons so nominated, or any foure of them, within their severall and respective Wards and Limits, shall have power to Assesse such person and persons, as are of Abilitie and have not contributed, and also such as have contributed, yet not according to their abilitie, to pay such summe or summes of Money, according to their Estates, as the said Assessors, or any foure of them, shall thinke fit and reasonable, so as the same exceed not the twentieth part of their Estates, and to nominate and appoint fit persons for the collection thereof. And if any person so assessed shall refuse to pay the mony assessed upon him, It shall be lawfull to and for the said assessers and collectors, or any of them, to levy the said sum so assessed by way of distresse and sale of the goods of the person so assessed, and refusing; And if any person so distrained shall make resistance, It shall be lawfull to and for the respective Assessors and

Collectors, or any of them, to call to their assistance any the Trained Bands of the said Citie of *London*, or any other His Majesties Subjects, who are hereby required to be ayding and assisting to the said Assessors and Collectors in the premises; And it is hereby further ordained, that the respective Burgesses of *Westminster* and *Southwarke*, together with the severall Committees, appointed for the subscriptions of Money, Plate, Horse, Horse-men, and Armes within the said Citie and Borough, shall respectively have power hereby to nominate Sessors for the same Citie and Borough, in such manner as the Lord Major, &c. hath for the Citie of *London*; and the said Assessors, or any foure of them, to name Collectors, as aforesaid; Which said Assessors and Collectors shall have the same power respectively within their respective limits, as those to be nominated within the said Citie of *London* have hereby limited to them. And for the Suburbs of *London* and *Westminster*, the respective Knights of the Shire where the said Suburbs are, shall have hereby the like power to name Assessors, and they so named, or any foure of them, and the Collectors by them to bee nominated, or any of them within their respective limits, shall have the like power respectively as the Assessors and Collectors for *London* have by vertue of this Ordinance. And bee it ordained that the sums so assessed and levied, as aforesaid, shall be payd in at Guild-Hall *London*, to the hands of Sir *John Wollaston* Knight, *John Warner*, *John Towes*, and *Thomas Andrews*, Aldermen, or any two of them; And the Assessors and Collectors to be nominated by vertue hereof shall weekely report to the Committee of the House of Commons, for the Propositions aforesaid, what summes of money have beene assessed, and what summes have beene levied weekly, according to the purport hereof. And the said moneys so levied and paid in shall be issued forth in such sort as the other moneys raised upon the Propositions aforesaid, and not otherwise.

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Die Martis, 29. Novemb. 1642.

WHereas a late Ordinance is passed by both houses of Parliament for the Reasons therein declared, for the assessing of all such persons within the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and the suburbs thereof, with the Borough of *Southwarke*, as have not contributed upon the Propositions of both Houses of Parliament, for raising of money, plate, horse, horsemen, and armes, for defence of the King, Parliament, and Kingdome, or have not contributed proportionably to their estates and abilities. And whereas it is thought fit that some additions be made for further explanation and better execution of the said Ordinance: Be it further ordained and declared by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, that such persons as shall be assessed by the respective assessours in the said Ordinance appointed, and shall within six dayes next after notice given to them, or left at their severall houses within the said Cities, Suburbs, or Borough, pay in the one moity of the said sums of money so assessed, and within twelve dayes after the said notice given as aforesaid, the other moity thereof, unto the Treasurers of money and plate in *Guild-hall London*, or unto the Collectors appointed by the said Ordinance, respectively to receive the same, that then the said Treasurers, or Collectors, shall give Acquittances for the same, as hath beene done to such who have lent moneys or plate, upon the propositions of both Houses as aforesaid. And the said moneys so paid to the said Treasurers, or to the said severall Collectors, shall be repaid upon the publick Faith, as all other moneys lent upon the said Propositions of both Houses. And as for those who shall so far discover their disaffection, as not to bring in the severall sums of money so assessed upon them to the persons before appointed, within the times limited, that then their goods shall be distrained and sold according to the said Ordinance. And if no sufficient distresse be found, that then the said Collectors shall respectively have power to enquire of any sum or sums of money due, or to be due unto them respectively so assessed from any person or persons for any Rents, Tithes, Goods, or Debts, or for any other thing or cause whatsoever.

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And the ſaid reſpective Collectors ſhall have power by vertue of this Ordinance, to receive all or any part of the ſaid ſums due, or to be due unto them or any of them ſo aſſeſſed, untill the full value of the ſum or ſums ſo aſſeſſed, and the charges in levying and recovering of the ſame ſhall be received and ſatisfied, And the ſaid reſpective Collectors ſhall have further power to compound for any of the ſaid Rents, Tithes, Goods, or debts, due unto the ſaid perſon ſo aſſeſſed reſpectively as aforeſaid, with any perſon or perſons by whom the ſaid Rents, Goods, or Debts, are or ſhall be owing, as alſo to give full and ample diſcharge for the money by them ſo received, upon compoſition or otherwiſe, which diſcharges ſhall be good and effectuall to all intents and purpoſes. And if the ſum or ſums of Money ſo aſſeſſed cannot be levied by any of theſe meanes or waye, then the perſons ſo reſpectively aſſeſſed, ſhall be impriſoned in ſuch places of this Kingdome, and for ſo long time as the Committee of the Houſe of Commons for the Examinations, ſhall appoint and order: And the families of all ſuch perſons ſo impriſoned, ſhall no longer remaine within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, the Suburbs and the Counties adjacent.

And be it further ordained, that all and every the Aſſeſſors and Collectors of the ſaid ſeverall ſums, ſhall have the protection of both Houſes of Parliament, for their indemnity in this ſervice, and receive ſuch reaſonable allowances for their paines taken and charges bisburſed, or to be bisburſed therein as the Committee of Lords and Commons for advance of Money and other neceſſaries for the Army, raiſed by the Parliament, ſhall apportion and appoint.

A DECLARATION OF THE LORDS and COMMONS Assembled in *PARLIAMENT.*

Die Mercurii, 7. Decemb. 1642.

WHereas in and by a late Ordinance of both Houſes of Parliament, it is Ordained for the cauſe therein expreſſed, that all perſons of ability within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and Suburbs of the ſame, and alſo within the Borough of *Southwarke*, who have not at all, or not anſwerable to their Eſtates, contributed towards the maintenance of the Army raiſed by authority of this preſent Parliament, ſhall be aſſeſſed in ſuch manner and proportion as in the ſaid Ordinance is directed, of which the Lords and Commons now aſſembled in Parliament, doe expect a vigorous and ſpeedy execution: but finding ſome doubt to be raiſed upon the point of time, whether that clauſe of not contributing at all, or not in proportion to their Eſtates, be meant of not contributing before the paſſing of the ſaid Ordinance in both Houſes of Parliament, or to be extended to any time before the aſſeſſing of them, and giving them notice of it, in ſuch manner as in the ſaid Ordinance is appointed. We the ſaid Lords and Commons in Parliament aſſembled, doe hereby Declare, That if any perſon or perſons who have not contributed at all, or not anſweruble to their Eſtates, ſhall before any aſſeſſement of them be made, and notice thereof left at their Houſes, according to the ſaid Ordinance, contribute towards the maintenance of the ſaid Army,

Army, by loane or otherwiſe, according to their ſeverall and reſpective Eſtates, as others well-affected have already done, without evaſion or colluſion, every ſuch perſon ſo contributing, ſhall be accepted as doing an acceptable ſervice to the Common-Wealth, and be freed from the paiment of all and every Tax and Aſſeſſement of him to be made by the Aſſeſſours, authorized by the ſaid Ordinance for that purpoſe, as likewiſe from all Diſtreſſes, impriſonment, and other Puniſhments to be inflicted by vertue of the ſaid Ordinance, or any addition to, or explanation made of it, for the not paying of any ſuch Aſſeſſements; And hereof all ſuch Aſſeſſors and Collectors, are hereby required to take notice. And for this end, It is Ordered by the ſaid Lords and Commons, That this Declaration be forthwith printed and publiſhed.

Votes of the Lords and Commons Aſſembled in *Parliament*, for the better enabling of the Lord Major to put their late Ordinance in execution.

Die Mercurii, 7. *Decemb.* 1642.

Reſolved upon the Queſtion.

THat the Lord Major and other perſons named in the Ordinance, ſhall have power to nominate and appoint ſix other perſons to be Aſſeſſors in the ſeverall Wards of Farringdon without, and Cripplegate, and as many in other Wards as there ſhall be cauſe.

Reſolved upon the Queſtion.

THat the Lord Major, and the other perſons named in the ſaid Ordinance, ſhall have power to nominate two perſons to be Aſſeſſors in the ſeverall priviledged places, within the ſeverall Wards.

ORdered by the Lords and Commons Aſſembled in Parliament, that theſe Declarations and Votes be forthwith Printed and publiſhed.

John Browne Cler. Parl.